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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM JIDDA DATED DECEMBER 23, 1977
SENT SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLO, SA, XF

SUBJECT: PLO APPROACH TO EMBASSY

REF: JIDDA 8760

THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE MADE BY PLO MEMBERS KHALED AL
HASSAN AND HANI AL HASSAN DURING THEIR CALL ON SPECIAL
COUNSELOR ISA SABBAGH ON DEC. 22:

A. PLO DID ACCEPT 242, ADDING RESERVATIONS, BUT WERE
TURNED DOWN.

B. EMPHASIS ON SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING THE
PALESTINIANS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

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C. WHY DENY US RIGHT TO HAVE OUR OWN STATE, FLAG AND
SO ON, "IF ONLY FOR FIVE MINUTES"?

AS TO ASSOCIATION WITH JORDAN, KHALED AL HASSAN SAID
THAT COULD BE NEXT STEP. PALESTINE STATE AND JORDAN
COULD VERY WELL BE LIKE LEBANON AND SYRIA UNDER THE FRENCH*

D. WHAT HAPPENED TO PROPOSALS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT
BY PRINCE SAUD, DURING CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT?

"WE HAD SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES IN THOSE PROPOSALS."

E. DOES USG, DOES PRESIDENT CARTER, REALLY KNOW
OUR THINKING? WE CERTAINLY DON'T KNOW HIS,
SPECIFICALLY.

F. WOULD THE USG NOT BE MORE ENLIGHTENED ON THE
SUBJECT BY HEARING FROM US DIRECTLY? "BY US WE
MEAN THE MAJORITY OF MODERATES" IN THE PLO.

G. NEITHER USG, NOR SADAT, NOR BEGIN WISHES TO
SEE US OR TALK TO US. THIS IS NOT WISE. WHY
DRIVE US TO DESPERATION?

H. ASSAD OF SYRIA IS STILL DREAMING OF GREATER
SYRIA. PLO CLAIMS DR. KISSINGER ENCOURAGED ASSAD
TNT0 KEEPING THAT DREAM ALIVE'

I. PLO MODERATES RESPECT PRESIDENT CARTER AND
SECRETARY VANCE AND HAVE HOPES IN THEIR WISDOM.
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